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MORE WILLY-NICKY LETTERS.
A FINE PIECE OF IMPUDENCE.

LONDON, January 17.

Further "Willy Nicky" correspondence in the "Morning Post" shows that the Kaiser, writing on September 25 1905, says: "A continental combine, flanked by America, is the sole and only manner effectively to block the way to the whole world becoming John Bull's private property, but your Allies are so hypnotised by Cows and Brest and the Entente Cordiale that they scarcely do anything in foreign politics without consulting London first. It would be a good thing if you would have Nelsidoff advised to put a stop to this 'Angliomania' and remind the French that their future lies with you and us."

Later the Kaiser says: "The visit of the British Fleet to Swinemunde and Danzig went off without collisions. The public was civil and hospitable but without enthusiasm. I had one of my friends at Esbjerg who speaks Danish and English well. He went aboard the ships disguised as a coal merchant and frequently dined and lunched with the officers. They told him they were sent to the Baltic to show the Emperors that the British Fleet would never allow them to decide anything as they pleased. A fine piece of impudence."

The Kaiser, writing on August 25 1905, says: "I ordered my fleet to shadow the British and when they anchored, to lay themselves near the British fleet, to give them dinner and make them as drunk as possible, to find out what they are about and then sail off again. I think the astonishment will be great, as the English, as well as our people, believe that our fleet will be in the North Sea, so don't tell anybody for the secret must be well kept. 'Tata!'"

The "Morning Post" Stockholm correspondent says the ex-Kaiser, writing to his old friend, the Prince of Furstenberg, complains bitterly of the correspondence as a violation of justice and is preparing an open protest through his Berlin lawyer.

The Kaiser, writing on August 22 1905, says: "The rich intriguer and mischief-maker, as you rightly called King Edward, has been hard at work last month."

The Kaiser then cites the report of the "German gentleman I sent to Cows to observe the Entente Cordiale" of his conversation with King Edward to show "how wide a net of secret information Kings Edward had cast over Europe and over you. He first let his Press launch the idea of a visit to me and when all the papers in Europe had taken it up and talked it over, he suddenly published an insulting demand, declaring that my Foreign Office had started the idea—the finest lie I ever came across. After this, he invites my son, behind my back, to visit him in England. I have, of course, stopped that business. His fleet is in the act of visiting our shores and I think this will open the eyes of many Germans who are still to long vote money for the extension of our fleet. We shall send many down by rail and steamer to take an object lesson and they will, I hope, learn the necessity of building a strong fleet."

RUSSIAN HARDSHIPS.

BARTER AS A REMEDY.

PARIS, January 16.

The Supreme Council has decided with a view to remedying the hardships of the population of the interior of Russia, to permit the exchange of goods, on the basis of reciprocity, between the Russians and the Allies and neutrals, consequently it will give facilities to the Russian cooperative organisations, which are in direct touch with the Russian peasantry, to import clothing, medicine, agricultural machinery and other necessities, in exchange for grain, fax, etc., of which there are surpluses in Russia. These arrangements do not imply a change in the allies' policy towards the Soviet government.

EXTRADITION OF THE EX-KAISER.

FRIENDLY NOTE TO HOLLAND.

PARIS, January 16.

Mr. Lloyd George, M. Clemenceau and Signor Nitti have agreed on the text of the note to Holland requesting in the most friendly terms the extradition of the ex-Kaiser. It will probably be transmitted on January 17.

GERMAN GENERAL LEADS RED ARMY.

LONDON, January 16.

It is stated that the "Red" Siberian Army is led by the German General Blucher, furthermore that German military officers attended the recent military conference in Moscow.

THE HUNGARIAN TREATY.

PARIS, January 16.

The Hungarian Treaty, in the main follows the lines of the Treaty of St. Germain with Austria.

AMERICA AND THE TREATY.

NEW YORK, January 16.

The Senate leaders have begun conference negotiations with a view to arriving at a compromise on the question of the Peace Treaty.

THE TIGER WITHDRAWS.

LONDON, January 16.

M. Clemenceau has withdrawn his candidature for the Presidency.

HAT SNATCHING.

**REPATRIATED C. L. C. MAN
VICTIMIZED.**

The new popular occupation of snatching hats from unsuspecting citizens is no longer confined to Yanchai. Yaumati is said to be competing. A man who was alleged to be the first graduate in this latest branch of crime had the good luck to be discharged by Magistrate Wood this morning on the ground of insufficient evidence.

The victim in this case was a repatriated Chinese Labour Corps man who had seen three years' service in France. He was a Shanghai Chinese who had taken a fancy to Hongkong and had jumped ship here. Last night, feeling rather lonely, he left his cubicle in a house in Canton Road, Yaumati, and went to the Tong Shum Hong Brothel, No. 1 Temple Street, Yaumati. Whilst he was standing outside the house, four men came up to him and stood two on either side of him. One of the men standing on his right engaged him in conversation saying: "Shanghai is better than Yaumati. Why do you come here?" As the unsuspecting stranger turned to make reply, one of the men standing on his left snatched his brand new felt hat. He turned round and grabbed the man who immediately passed the hat to one of his confederates who ran away. Deciding that a bird in the hand was worth two in the bush, the stranger held on to his man and called for the Police, who came and removed him to the station.

He was brought before Mr. Wood this morning and after the above story had been related, and the defendant had denied all knowledge of the theft, saying that he was standing near the complainant when the complainant missed his hat and grabbed him, his Worship decided that the hat was undoubtedly snatched by someone, but in the absence of more conclusive evidence, and as the hat was not found, he did not think himself justified in convicting the defendant. He was accordingly discharged.

UNIVERSITY THEATRICALS.

ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT.

Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett, Lord Dunsany, is the eighteenth member of his family to bear the title which gives him a place in the Irish peerage. He was born in 1878 and received his education at Eton and Sandhurst. In 1899 he succeeded his father to the title and the family estate in Meath, Ireland. During the South African war he served at the front with the Coldstream Guards. He is passionately fond of outdoor life and often spends the whole day in the saddle before sitting down at his desk to write late at night. Our local University students are acting two of his plays, under the direction of Mr. Sinclair.

His work proves, however, that he is as fond of spiritual as of physical exercise, and that he is an inveterate traveller in those mysterious regions of the partly known or wholly unknown where the imagination alone can guide us. It was the Bible that gave him the limpid style which makes his "most fantastic tales as real as government reports—or rather much more so." For years no style seemed to me natural but that of the Bible, he said not long ago, "and I feared that I would never become a writer when I saw that other people did not use it." For something like ten years he has been a pretty frequent and increasingly valued contributor to English and Anglo-English periodicals. He has previously published five volumes: "The Gods of Pegana," 1905; "Time and the Gods," 1906; "The Sword of Welleran," 1908; "A Dreamer's Tales," 1910; and "The Book of Wonder," 1912. All are collections of prose pieces that defy accepted classifications. They are fairy tales and short stories and essays and prose poems at the same time.

One has only to take a brief glance at those works to make the astounding discovery of being introduced to worlds of which no one ever heard before. Even the "Arabian Nights" have a clearly definable background of popular legend and myth. Nothing of the kind is to be found in the writings of Lord Dunsany. He may be said to have created a new mythology wholly his own. He is not only the master, but the maker of the countries to which he takes us on such fascinating jaunts. His commonest name for them is the Edge of the World, but sometimes he speaks of them as the Lands of Wonder. This latter name is doubly significant, for the whole movement of which he forms such a striking manifestation has been defined as a "renaissance of wonder."

The names of places and persons appearing in the stories of Lord Dunsany are worth a study in themselves. There are hundreds of them, giving evidence of an inexhaustible imagination; and each one of them is as aptly suggestive as if generations of men had been at work shaping them. To hear of Sarathion, the city built by the Gods of Old, is to see its comes of marble rising sky-high in the sunset lighted air. To hear of Slith and Sippy and Slog, the three thieves who went to the Edge of the World in quest of the Golden box, is to feel as if one were dealing with historical characters like Aaron Burr or Chinese Gordon. And as we learn more about them, these fanciful creatures of Lord Dunsany's brain assume still more familiar characteristics, as if they had been studied in some Irish village or English street. It is this fact that reveals one of the main secrets of Lord Dunsany's appeal: that behind all his exuberant imagination lies a solid basis of observation, enabling him to endow the most impossible adventures with a homely and convincing air.

His five great plays have all been produced. "The Golden Doom" and "The Gods of the Mountain" have been staged most successfully at the Haymarket Theatre, London. "King Arigimenes" and "The Glittering Gate" have been given by the Irish players. In America, the first three have been in the repertoire of Stuart Walker's Portmanteau Theatre, and "The Tents of the Arabs" has been given by the Neighbourhood Players.

For the theft of two brass taps from the Naval Yard, a Chinese who was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, was awarded two months' hard labour, and 4 hours' stocks.

Convicted of the theft of a block of cast-iron from the Kowloon-Canton Railway store at Yaumati, a Chinese was this morning sentenced by Mr. J. R. Wood to two months' hard labour and 4 hours' stocks.

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without COLLARS found at large
after 10 p.m. are liable to be destroyed by
the Police.E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.
Hongkong, January 17, 1920.

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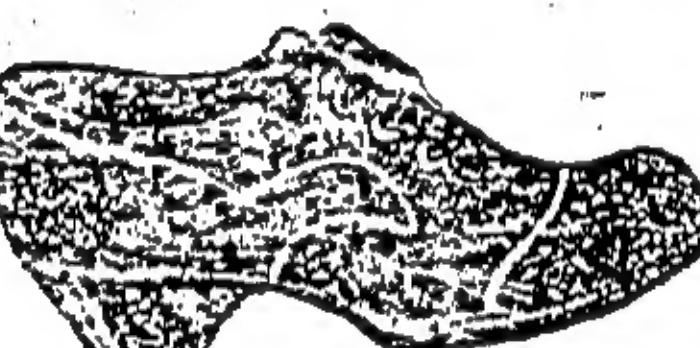
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Joke.The great Anthracite Joke consisted
of official warnings to British house-
holders to cope with the shortage of
ordinary coal and to save themselves
from shivers this winter by equipping
their homes with anthracite stoves.Anthracite coal, they were told,
would not be reckoned in their coal
ration. Anthracite coal was to be had
in abundance. The man who did not
forthwith fix at least one anthracite
stove in his house was, at least, a
fool.Whereupon a prudent and patriotic
rush for anthracite stoves; a bumper
time for the fitter, and his mate; a
summer of easy content for the owners
of anthracite stoves. For they
gave their orders for anthracite to the
coal merchants last May or June and
the continuance of coal shortage and
coal rations left them undismayed.They have shivered throughout a
cold October. They will probably
shiver now throughout the winter.
For they cannot rip out their anthracite
stoves from their fireplaces without
great expense upon the fitter and
his mate, and they cannot obtain anthracite
coal, not even those who ordered it
six months ago. When they
ask the coal merchants the reply
always is, "We have no anthracite;
we see no prospect now of getting any
this winter."I am one of the householders who
listened to official advice and put
foolish trust in official good faith. I
had an anthracite stove fitted in a
study that is my bread-and-butter
workroom, and is, furthermore, filled
with valuable books that will become
mildewed in a fireless winter.But here is a much better joke for
officialdom to laugh over. I have a
neighbour, an elderly woman of
delicate health, who deemed it prudent
to have all her fireplaces fitted with
anthracite stoves. She has no fires
at all this winter, save in her kitchen.
A man told me that he went to his
dentist and his dentist seemed distrustful.
While he was stopping my friend's
tooth the dentist suddenly clasped his
hand to his forehead and muttered:
"Good gracious, no anthracite!"
Then he said, "Pardon me, but I have
four children, and I have fitted their
nursery with an anthracite stove, and
my wife is giving me beans."Another victim of the great Anthracite
Joke. How officialdom must
laugh!—Daily Mail.**SELLING OLD LONDON.**HUGUENOT HAUNTS COMING
UNDER THE HAMMER.Once in a while the cobwebs of
history are swept away, and the spirits
of the past have their rest disturbed
by the sound of an auctioneer's ham-
mer. Such will soon be the fate of
a choice "haunt of Old London"—
Spital-square.Trudging through the muddy
streets lined with grim old houses in
search of history, it was hard to
visualize the nest of singing weavers
as it adorned the hem of London's
flowered skirt four centuries ago.Some of the sweet names did their
best to help one; notably "Blossom"
and "Fleur-de-lis" streets; but their
fragrance had passed like that of
withered petals pressed in an old for-
gotten tome.They were happy workers in that
little Lancashire when work was
plentiful and wages not too low; but
the scene changes when the Edict of
Nantes dumps a colony of French and
Wallon artists of the loom in their
midst. Now my lady discards her
stiff gown and chooses gay silks from
the foreigner's frames, and the poor
ek and calico weavers run riot in
the streets, tearing the women's gowns
to pieces, so that there shall be more
work.**SILENCED SONGS.**But in good times, who so merry as
Falsht's weavers, who could sing all
manner of songs?Not content with their own tuneful
catches and rounds, the cloth workers
weave into their fabric the songs of all
the birds they can catch and cage.Time has silenced these songs as
completely as the voices of Roman
and Saxon warriors whose bodies lay
in a burial ground beside the Square;
silenced as completely as the chants
of monks in the old Spital Priory.And the French refugees? Who
knows whether they made fortunes out
of their British "hands" and returned
to their native land, or whether, as in
some cases happened, they anglicised
their names and lost their accent?Either way, the flames you may
read now on shop fronts and door-
plates are not French. Here are
Jones, Jenkins, and Robinson, and
there are names that tell another story.
The Wandering Jew has passed this
way on his tour of the west. Witness
these titles, to be read any day in
and about the Square: Solomons, Cohen-
ski, and Diamondstein—no weavers
of fine thread; but money spinners,
whose tools are cloth and fur and
silk."WALLA WALLA" boots are now
and then. Get them at Blake
Pier.**MANCHESTER WEEKLY
MARKET REPORT.**Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co.,
Ltd., Manchester, report on Dec. 10
as follows:Cotton values have been fluctuat-
ing. New York was bearishly in-
fluenced during the early part of the
week through a lack of outside sup-
port, the continued unsentimental re-
sulting from the coal strike, and many
private crop estimates giving a higher
figure than had been expected. The
National Spinners' Association figure
for the amount ginned up to Decem-
ber 1 is 8,334,000 bales and their
estimate of the crop, exclusive of
liners, 11,120,000 bales. The gener-
al estimate is however somewhat
under 11 million bales. Contrary
to this rather easier tendency Liver-
pool has been firm and prices have
moved upwards very consistently.
Such fluctuations as there have been
in the raw material are however with-
out any effect on yarn and cloth prices
with the exception of the Egyptian
questions which have again risen so
sharply that at the moment it is prac-
tically impossible to obtain prices for
yarns. In both these sections there
is no abatement of strength, and
prices, governed entirely by the de-
mand, continue their upward course
without check. A great weight of
enquiry has again come forward and
even though actual business is small
in comparison, the manifest urgency
of buyers gives sufficient cause for
the advance which is taking place.
Producers are in the position of being
able to pick and choose and the
volume of business put through is
curtailed, and determined by them
rather than by the efforts of buyers.
The uncertainty of the wage revision
to take place from April 1 is the cause
of a rather more unsettled outlook at
present, as it is now more generally
feared that the operatives' demands
will be greater than has been antici-
pated, and may even lead to a stop-
page. This feeling is of course pro-
ductive of a great deal of the restraint
on the part of both spinners and man-
ufacturers in not embarking on further
engagements. India is responsible
for the bulk of the business on offer
but many buyers there hardly appear
to appreciate how much prices have
risen recently for acceptances still
come to hand for quotations wired
early in last month, and in some cases
counter-offers are made which are of
course quite useless at present. For
China enquiry is much quieter but
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FRIDAY,

January 23, 1920, commencing at 2.30
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Des Voeux Road, Corner of
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Valuable Chinese Porcelains,
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Including a large variety of 5-colour-
ed and 3-coloured Vases, Wall Plates,
Table Screens, Blue and White Vases,
and Inlaid Burners, Old Bronze and
Brass Figures, Vases, &c., Kakeemono,
Lacquered Ware, Ivory, Agate and
Crystal Ornaments.

The above stock recently arrived
from the North and includes pieces
from the Ming, Kungsi, Kienlung and
Towkong Periods.

The bulk of which will be sold with-
out reserve.

(Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms: Cash.

On view day of sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT)

SATURDAY,

January 24, 1920, at 10.30 a.m., at
No. 184, Wanchai Road.

THE STREET

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

including a large variety of 5-colour-
ed and 3-coloured Vases, Wall Plates,
Table Screens, Blue and White Vases,
and Inlaid Burners, Old Bronze and
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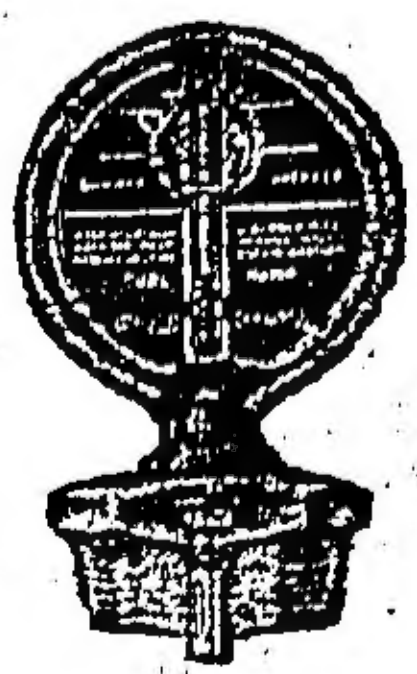
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LOT No. 62—Immediately behind
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GODOWN, No. 15 Barrows Street,
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5 ROOMED furnished Bungalow at
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TO LET—At Gordon Road, Cause-
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1 Godown,
1 Factory.
Apply to the Hui Wo Co., 45A,
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NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of the above-named
Company will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company, St. George's
Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on
WEDNESDAY, on the 25th day of
January, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for
the purpose of considering and if
thought fit of passing the following
Resolutions as Extraordinary Resolu-
tions:—

(1) To consider, and if thought fit
approve the draft new Articles
which will be submitted to the
Meeting.

(2) That the Capital of the Company
be increased to Three million
dollars (\$3,000,000) by the crea-
tion of Two hundred and forty
thousand (240,000) shares of Ten
dollars (\$10.00) each, ranking for
dividend and in all other respect
pari passu with the existing shares
in the Company.

And in the event of the First Resolu-
tion being passed with or without
modification.

(3) To consider, and if thought fit,
to pass an Extraordinary Resolu-
tion to the effect:—That the new
Articles already approved by this
Meeting and for the purpose of
identification thereof subscribed by
the Chairman be and the same are
hereby approved, and that such
Articles be and they are hereby
adopted as the Articles of the
Company to the exclusion of and
in substitution for all the existing
Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO
GIVEN that a further Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Company will
be held at the Registered Office of the
Company, St. George's Building afore-
said on MONDAY, on the 18th day of
February, 1920, at 11 o'clock in the
forenoon for the purpose of receiving
a report of the proceedings of the above
mentioned Meeting and of confirming,
if thought fit as Special Resolutions
the above mentioned Extraordinary
Resolutions (2) and (3).

And the subjoined Resolution will be
proposed as an Extraordinary Resolu-
tion.
"That it is desirable to capitalize
the sum of \$600,000.00 standing
to the credit of the Company's
Reserve Fund, and accordingly
that for the purpose of effecting
such capitalization a bonus of \$10
per share on each of the issued
shares of the Company be and the
same is hereby declared and that
the Board be and they are hereby
authorised to satisfy such bonus by
the distribution amongst the per-
sons who are registered as holders
of the issued \$10 shares of the
Company on the date hereof of one
of the unissued \$10 shares of the
Company credited as fully paid up
in respect of each share of the
Company held by such persons as
aforesaid and in satisfaction of
such aforementioned bonus, and
that such shares rank for dividends
and in all other respects as from
the first day of March, 1920."

Drafts of the new Articles of Associa-
tion may be seen at any time before the
second meeting, except Saturdays and
Sundays between the hours of 11 a.m.
and 4 p.m. at the Registered Offices of
the Company, or at the Offices of
Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master,
Prinse's Buildings, Hongkong, the
Company's Solicitors.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1920.

By Order of the Board,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 13, 1920.

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of the Urinary Tract, such as Gleet,
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HOMEWARD FREIGHTS.

When the report of the Hongkong delegates to the Shanghai Conference of Chambers of Commerce in China comes to be presented, our local merchants will be put in possession of still one more perfect example of a controversy in which the point of view is all important. It is in the very nature of business that men should exercise a certain unreason and be at least as inconsistent as the average man is on the average occasion. It is not, for instance, a sound maxim of commerce that a man shall "sell dear and buy cheap." How can he sell dear unless some other person buy dear? How can he possibly hope to buy cheaply unless he can find somebody able and willing to sell cheaply? In theory commerce should be impossible, and almost worse deadlock than when two polite Frenchmen want to go through the same doorway, each determined that the other shall go first. Such speculations, however, are merely amusing. A more practical and businesslike illustration of the same thing is provided by the Shanghai Chamber's letter to the China Homeward Freight Conference, and its sequel. Certain shipping companies having refused to accept demand drafts tendered in payment of freight, insisting on payment in silver at "officially quoted rates," the shippers got the Chamber to point out their grievance. It was pointed out that "officially quoted demand rates and rates actually obtainable were at this time very considerably different. Where a shipper had to pay freight at a quoted rate, he was obliged to sell his bills to the Bank at the current market rate, which at this particular time happened to be at a premium of at least eight pence. His demand draft in sterling not being acceptable in payment of freight charges, he could not approach reasonable accuracy in estimate of silver cost, and therefore could not fix an amount at which to sell his bills. This uncertainty also left him minus the necessary knowledge of the exact cost of his produce—a material factor in all his calculations while freight is up. One could scarcely blame a shipper for being dogmatic in such circumstances. The handicap on commerce was visible to the very tyro. The injury to the development of British trade could be emphasized. The opinion that the arguments were "unanswerable" was even quite likely. Yet the China Homeward Freight Conference was

able to show that there was an answer just as clinching and as strong as the protest. From their point of view they were the only people, as the saying is, "with a leg to stand on." By the conditions of the Tariff they were entitled to silver payments. Yet some of them had waived that right, and had accepted demand drafts in order to accommodate shippers. It had been quite frequently and considerably done, so that when exchange moved as it did, they got little if any silver payment. Such payment necessitates shipping companies drawing on their head offices in order to pay their expenses here in silver, in addition to which there is a loss of interest which would be avoided if shipping companies could remit the balance of their freight by telegraphic transfer instead of demand drafts received from the shippers. This offers a problem much harder to decide than the famous judgment of Solomon. The shipper and his produce are not worth so much without the ships. The ships are worth next to nothing without the produce they are built to carry. In the nature of things parties are not in a position to pool their respective profits and divide fifty-fifty. No doubt there are men in Hongkong who could give a fair decision; but so far, they have not been heard from.

ADVERSARIA.

It is possible to reside in Hong Kong for a long time without discovering Kowloon, except as the chairman of the new Residents' Association hinted, as a panoramic view from the Peak. Many have done it. There must be quite a number who have not yet discovered Kowloon. If Kowloon could be classed as a common object of the seashore, it would be included in our forthcoming work on the tremendous significance of disregarded things, but it cannot. Kowloon has its points, its character, its special merits and demerits. It now has its Residents' Association, and is presumably happy.

Kowloon is very suburban. It is remarkably suburban. We never knew before how suburban Kowloon is, until we noticed last night the thousands and thousands of Kowloon residents returning to their homes after the Meeting. Seated on the first doorstep on the left as you enter Mody Road, and looking down the diminishing perspective of that clean and respectable thoroughfare, realized vividly that Kowloon is as far away from Hongkong and the Orient as Penge and Sydenham. It is true you see an occasional Chinese in the street, but so you do in Penge. In

happy homes we saw the light glow in window after window as the politicians got back to their shippers and China Mails; and for us it was a symbol of hope. A new era had dawned.

Do not jump to the conclusion that we are making START, ing game of Kowloon, of Kowloon folk, or of their politics. We take them quite seriously, and consider that a very useful innovation has got a good start. The report gives only the names of a few people in front; we understand that there was really a large and thoroughly representative attendance, including only the Government officials who live on the peninsula. A very sensible and intelligent scheme was sensibly and intelligently outlined. Whether or not this Association will turn out to have been the nucleus of a system of representation by wards, does not at the moment matter. In the meantime it is going to keep the Government and the unofficial members better informed. That is gain.

We are entitled to "CHINA MAIL" for "ARGUMENTS." noting with some of our own arguments by the Chairman. They were good arguments, and he was very welcome. Humes for the workers the medium salary folk are more important and pressing than the expensive new roads, and any Government that was well informed would feel that way and act accordingly. We invite attention to the "urgent needs" of Kowloon as set forth in the Chairman's speech; and in doing so we suggest two things as urgently necessary as a step towards getting them. One is constitutional reform. The other is the retirement of Mr. Chatham, the veteran Director of Public Works.

Because we do not TRYING to happen to admire the BE FAIR. Governor's A.D.C. is no reason why we shouldn't be fair to him. Twice in print we have seen the suggestion that he should not have asked those eligible to apply for invitations to the Government House Garden Party, on the ground that a complete register was kept of all men who left Hongkong to join up. There are many soldiers from the Front now in Hongkong who never left Hongkong to join up. They have joined our ranks since, and we suppose it is those who are desired to make themselves known. Judging by the wording of the advertisement, not all who left Hongkong to join up are eligible, but only those who actually reached one of the various Fronts.

How long is it permissible for the tail to go on wagging the dog? That is roughly what may fairly be said of our present method of administration. The Peak is the "dicky" on our body politic, while Kowloon and our own lower levels are certainly the whole shirt. Which is the more important, if precedence has to be conceded? Another respect in which the tail wags the dog is presented by the military establishment. Army mules occupy the best and most central residential site on the peninsula. Soldiers and their stores occupy the bulk of the most suitable business sites on the city side of the island. The first apportionments of our expenditure are always for the benefit of a minority. Class and vested interests are carefully catered for, and in any democratic and properly British sense of government, there is no health in us. Until now people do not seem to have cared much. The new Association is a proof of awakening civic interest. It deserves well of all who care.

The Parliamentary Committee appointed to inquire into the law and procedure of courts-martial has issued its report, a majority and a minority report, both now available as a White Paper. Horrible cases published during the war suggested need for amendments, but the majority of the Committee, consisting of military Brass Hats, have reported against any concession of real rights to the subordinate soldier. The matter of allowing appeal in the case of "shot at dawn" prisoners, and of adequate defence and fair trial, are in good hands; and we do not suppose they will be allowed to rest where this bunch of old fashioned martinet would leave them. Our immediate interest is in the incidental subject of cowardice. We have an argument that clamours for ventilation.

Modern warfare with its high explosives, COURAGEOUS poison-gasses, and lack of COWARD. of opportunity for warming up and "seeing red" offers an unusually nerve test. A man who could charge a crowd of enemies barehanded is liable to lose his nerve in a damp and muddy trench, under the concentrated shell fire of an invisible enemy. For this he is liable to be shot almost summarily by his own comrades. Many of us middle-aged men who have lived soft lives and lacked opportunity to prove our courage are still speculating how we would have behaved in such unfamiliar and uncomfortable situations as the front line trenches have been afforded. Some of us, being highbrows, familiar with philosophy, and shirking no proposition, however unflattering to ourselves it may be, recognize our

capacity for "cowardice" under physical stress, and can only express the pious hope that in the pinch we would have risen superior to our weakness and proved ourselves courageous cowards.

THE KNOWLEDGE THAT ARE ON US. "brave." Instances are frequently and as a matter of common knowledge referred to in the casual conversations of officers who emerged from the late inferno. Such bravery, the philosopher and logician is obliged to point out, is only another form of cowardice superimposed on the first. The subject of it is more afraid of his comrades' censure than he is of physical hurt. Another form of bravery talked about is that of the man who "knows not what fear is." Against the philosopher and logician's trumpet on our susceptibilities in this collous way, and points out that this brute courage is the natural result of a brutal constitution, lacking in imagination and other qualities of the finer-fibred human-being.

Let us leave this distinctly displeasing field of psychology, and admit that whether the wavering balance incline to courage or cowardice the subject matter is largely helpless in the matter. His make-up and his upbringing decide what he will be when tested. No man can will himself to be a hero, though he may will to behave like one. Despite the quite reasonable proposition that the finest type of bravery is that of the constitutional coward who overcomes his natural cowardice, no man by a mere effort of will can eliminate the coward streak. What we so glibly call cowardice is instinctive and natural, embedded in the very basis of the soul before its victim was born. Reason rarely overcomes instinct in any real test, unless it is assisted, as by the overmastering fear of public opinion, by the greater fear of conscience, by personal conceit, (which impels a man to live up to his own valuation of himself) or some other such factor. This, then, brings us to the argument which it seems to us is unanswerable.

A war is on, and AN INJUSTICE UNDER CONSCRIPTION is the law. Let us assume that there is no foolish compromise clause to offer a tempting loophole to the miserable wretch who is both physically and mentally cowardly. Let us further assume that a highbrow who has lived among books for forty years is called up. Beaming benevolently upon the Tribunal, he tells them that they are wasting their time in trying to make him a soldier. He has sufficient imagination to realize what the test will be, and quite coldly and impartially he decides that under it he must fail. By upbringing and experience he is unfitted for a hero's part. He happens to know the penalty for cowardice (loss of nerve) in the field, and he observes that as it is inevitable he will lose his nerve, and be shot for it, it is unreasonable to compel him to undergo a test in which he knows in advance he must fail. He blinks in astonishment at the scorn with which this courageously frank avowal is received. He cannot understand why he should be despised for something he cannot help, any more than he can conceive of a reasonable person punishing another for having a fever, or a misshapen nose, or a lame leg. Presumably, when he is hustled into the army, he is philosopher enough to shrug his shoulders over such human stupidity, and to reconcile himself to whatever may come.

Colonel Lugard, whom IT IS ALL we used to have as a RELATIVE Governor here, was a pukka hero. We have thrilled over the story of how he was in the first to scramble over a stockade in Uganda, carrying his sword in his teeth, while scrap iron was shot at him by the devil inside. Yet we have seen that very hero quite nervous at the prospect of a public speech in the secret of it, in unfamiliarity. Any man can get used to almost any place, if he survive long enough. Sir Frederick Lugard, faced with a debate with our hypothetical highbrow, might be a coward. If we may say so respectfully (for we are one of his greatest admirers) we think he probably would be. Yet he went over that Uganda stockade as simply and as naturally as we order a pint of beer. Our highbrow at the same stockade would probably have shown the most distressing and unpleasant symptoms of fright, and been scornfully shot for it. In the debating school he would face the most fearful facts unflinchingly, with a calm courage that would make the war hero envy him. Courage and cowardice are words. Just words. The man who presumes to judge another man commits the most monstrous impertinence. Yet, misled by words, we all do it. This world will be a wiser, saner place when the last man in it dies. The type of man who scorns a coolie for being a coolie, not recognizing that the coolie

would rather be a big beautiful taipan, is the same as the man who scorns a coward for being a coward, unaware that the coward would prefer to be a hero. They are fools both, and their name is Legion.

The man we know best of all has the reputation of being a daredevil who fears nobody and nothing. He will check a Judge, slap a pugilist, jeer at a Kaiser, and insult a "mob" smiling cheerfully the while. Fools admire him, and consider him brave, whereas the truth is he is merely tired of life, and would as soon be out of it as not, but is too timid to hurt himself. He goes round asking for trouble, and nobody hurts him. When they wouldn't let him enlist for the Great War he announced himself a pro-German to a crowd of patriots, who all laughed but one. That one, half-boozed, stepped forward to kill him and was arrested by a meddlesome policeman. Luck is the queerest thing in life, and even luck is only a word.

Heaven forbid that we should take at the foot of the letter every allegation that a desperate criminal makes from the dock. The public, however, is quite convinced now that things have been going on in the jail that should not have been permitted, and that the supervision must have been ineffective. Admissions were made at the request that substantiated at least that much. With regard to the allegation that the prisoners have not actually received the amount of food provided for them, we are obliged to point out that the general denial of the authorities is valueless. They only know what they were told. The present writer recalls that in the old days when he was a prisoner in Hongkong, and wearing the broad arrow, subordinates on the Hyslop hulk defrauded him of a considerable part of his rations. These things are done where they can be done, and it is up to the government to devise a system under which they cannot.

THE JAIL MURDER.

PRISONER'S CLOSING STATEMENT.

Wong Kwong, who was found guilty of the murder of Warden Speed at the Criminal Sessions yesterday made a long statement when asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed on him.

It took the jury but ten minutes to come to the unanimous verdict of guilty and the usual question was then put.

Prisoner said: I have a lot of things to say to your Lordship. There is proof to show that there was an unlawful crime committed in the jail, also proof to show there were short provisions supplied to the prisoners. The convicts of long sentence are entitled to 15 ozs. of provisions, and 8 ozs. of vegetables at every meal, 1 oz. of salt fish and 1 oz. of fresh fish. Those who are serving short sentences are entitled to 11 ozs. of provisions, 4 ozs. of vegetables, 2 oz. of fish. Other prisoners are supplied with sugar but Chinese prisoners are not. It is not an extraordinary thing that prisoners who are sentenced to death are allowed to have three week's food but they are only given one week.

The Chief Justice here remarked that he was not going to stop prisoner in his statement, but it could not affect the sentence upon him. He had already made complaints about the prison treatment.

Prisoner continued that the Chief Warden said that what he (prisoner) said was false. He said there was proof to show it was true. The prisoners were given two cigarettes a day; he could ask the Chief Warden and he would tell his Lordship. They cheated the prisoners of food and compelled them to break out of jail. A prisoner hanged himself in the jail. His Lordship could ask the Superintendent. A prisoner who was serving a short sentence died by hanging himself. There were over 700 prisoners in the jail and all were in want of food. If complaints were laid before the chief warden or the chief Chinese Justice of the Peace no notice was taken of them. The prisoners were badly treated. He begged his Lordship to make enquiries and to punish those who cheated the prisoners. "I committed the murder," prisoner continued, "and I deserve to be hanged but those people who cheat the prisoners should be hanged too. There is proof that unlawful crimes were committed in the jail. Your Lordship must investigate the matter thoroughly or there will be more deaths. The Chief Warden and the Assistant Warden are bad men; they beg the keymen to make complaints against the prisoners." Prisoner again pointed to two of the warders who, he said, were good men. The prisoners were starved and were compelled to hang themselves. "I have proof to show unlawful crimes are committed in the jail. I am telling the truth, to your Lordship." Chinese never surrendered their bodies to get food. They were not treated fairly—every prisoner said so. He asked His Lordship to tell them how much food the Government was allowing them. The food given

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI LAWYER REINSTATED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.

Mr. Lineberger, the American lawyer recently suspended by the British Assessor, at the Mixed Court for hasty remarks in connection with the municipal prosecution of recalcitrant shopkeepers, has suitably apologised in open court and was thereupon reinstated.

DESTITUTE RUSSIANS IN SHANGHAI.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.

The Refugee Relief Committee is gamely tackling the problem of Russian destitutes in Shanghai. Jobs have been found for many as ship's crews, with the co-operation of the shipping companies. There are many hard cases among the refugees. One man with a family sought relief only after his resources had dwindled to twenty odd cents.

SHANGHAI OPIUM CASE.

UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.

During the trial at the Mixed Court of the seven Chinese implicated with constable Jack Allen in the recent opium raid, the evidence of the accused Chinese confined in material particulars with previous accounts implicating Allen. The Court prohibited publication of the testimony lest it prejudice Allen in his forthcoming trial.

The members of the Canton Parliament held a special meeting on January 20, to welcome Dr. Wong Ching-ting and to receive his report of the proceedings of the Peace Conference.

He was less and less every year. He was not telling lies. He had led a bad life but he wished to be good in the next life. He was sentenced to death but he asked his Lordship to investigate. The keymen suffered every much. The Chief Warden and the Assistant Warden treated them badly and generally fined them 50 cents. Prisoners who were going to be hanged asked for cigarettes and food but were never given them. The Indians brought into jail. Three Castles' cigarettes and tobacco. If cigarettes and tobacco could be brought into the jail then pistols could also be taken in. He earnestly asked his Lordship to investigate the matter thoroughly. "If your Lordship will investigate I will smile even when I am hanged. I committed the murder and should hang, but those who cheated us should hang too. I am very pleased, I have no fear. I saw an Indian commit an unnatural crime on the Chinese. They are still in the jail but I do not like to give their names. If your Lordship would like to know their names I can give them. The Indian gave a cigarette in return. They treat the Chinese badly knowing that we have no way of helping ourselves. The windows of the jail cannot be broken open. It is very hard for prisoners to escape. We succeeded in escaping. How are we?"

The Chief Justice: You are only repeating yourself, you know.

Prisoner: I wish your Lordship to investigate thoroughly and to give more food to the prisoners, then if I am hanged I shall be very pleased. I also wish you to give the prisoners more clothes. They are only allowed two coats and they are not sufficient. I would rather be hanged than die of starvation or be badly treated. That is all, my Lord. I am not saying what I have not seen. I am telling you what I have seen.

Mr. Bellios said he did not know if he was in order but in view of these wild statements he thought he was justified in asking his Lordship to postpone the passing of sentence until an enquiry had been made into the state of the men's mind.

The Chief Justice replied that there was nothing in the statement to excuse the crime. How the statement he had made might affect a higher power he had nothing to say, but so far as this Court was concerned there was nothing in the statement that in any way excused the crime.

His Lordship then assumed the black cap and addressing the prisoner said: You have been convicted of murder. The state of affairs as alleged to exist by you in the prison, even if true, cannot excuse your wicked crime.

The death sentence was then passed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 1½d.

To-day's return of communicable disease says there was none.

Br. Col. W. St. C. Bland, R.A., who saw active service in China, has been promoted substantive colonel.

Mr. Chow Show-sun has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Sanitary Board caused by the death of Mr. Chan Kai-ming.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held in the City Hall on January 30, at 12.30 p.m.

The many friends of Chief Writer T. H. Smith, of H.M.S. "Tamar," will be glad to learn that he was successful at the examination held last July in professional subjects for the promotion of chief writers to warrant rank.

The 2nd Wiltshire Regiment played the Hongkong, Singapore Mountain Battery, R.G.A. at hockey yesterday on the U.S.R.C. ground. The game was very evenly contested, resulting in a score of one goal all. All the scoring was done in the first half.

The Rev. H. S. Crole-Raes, R.N., has, on the paying off of the training ship "Impregnable," at Plymouth, been appointed to succeed the Rev. F. G. B. Hastings, R.N., as Chaplain of the Hongkong Dockyard, and is expected in the Colony shortly to take over duties.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon. Dr. A. Gibson was in the chair. Sanitary Inspectors Thomson and Coombes were appointed for Kowloon City and Shamshuipo, respectively. The remainder of the business of the meeting was of a purely formal nature.

The Directors of the Canton Municipal Council propose to erect a race course in Canton. Delegates have been appointed to look for a suitable site and to obtain the rules and regulations of the race courses in Hongkong and Shanghai, in order to draw up their own rules accordingly.

The Russian Grand Opera Company will extend its season for three nights, owing to the late arrival of the s.s. "Madras" for Calcutta. On Thursday, 22nd inst. "Mignon" will be played; on Friday, 23rd, "La Jewess"; and on Saturday, 24th, at the matinee: "Madame Butterfly," and at night "Barber of Seville."

It is stated that the conflict between the Ching Hok Wui members and other cliques in the Peace Convention at Canton has been amicably settled. The session now will have the usual quorum, as the Ching Hok Wui members have decided to return and the other parties have also shown a spirit of compromise.

Dr. Wong Ching-ting, the envoy to the Peace Conference in Paris, was welcomed back to Canton on the 19th inst., when a representative group of members of the Canton Parliament, officials, and citizens met him at the Canton-Kowloon Railway station. The Bands of the 1st Division of the Canton Army, and of the Higher-Normal School were in attendance.

We are informed that Sergt. Ward of the Royal Naval Yard Police, popularly known in boxing circles as "Young" Ward, has accepted the challenge of "Young" Maher, of Hongkong, to fight him for the Amateur Lightweight Championship of the Colony, of which he (Maher) claims to be the holder. The fight is arranged to take place at the forthcoming tournament fixed for February 14.

In connection with the reclamation of the Chingchow shores by the Macao authorities, the Canton authorities, as well as the Peking Government, have repeatedly requested the Portuguese to stop work, as it is alleged to be a violation of the line of demarcation. The requests have been ignored, and in view of that fact, the Canton authorities have been obliged to send Liu Sim-shan to Chinshau with a body of troops to occupy strategic points and force the Portuguese to withdraw from Chinese territory.

THE S.S. "CHINA" ASHORE.

A telegram was received yesterday, by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company as follows:—"China" ashore at the entrance to Nagasaki Harbour. Are endeavouring to lighten by discharging cargo. Hope to be able to get off at high tide to-night. Enquiry at the local office of the Company this morning, showed that no further information had been received. Details have been telegraphed for but up to time of going to press no reply has come to hand. It is presumed that the vessel went ashore on her outward voyage.

COMPANY REPORTS.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The following is the eighteenth report of the board of directors of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 11.45 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 29th January, 1920.

The Directors have now to submit a general statement of the affairs of the company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st Dec., 1919.

The net profits of the year amount to \$61,671.73 which with \$618,334.22 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$680,005.95. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of 7 per cent on the paid up capital, after providing for which there remains a balance of \$614,330.95 to be carried to the credit of a new profit and loss account.

Directors.—Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. C. S. Gubbay now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and are recommended for re-election.

JOHN JOHNSTONE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1919.

LIABILITIES.	
Nominal Capital 25,000 Shares of \$100 each.....	\$2,500,000.00
Issued Capital 12,500 Shares \$75 per share being called up.....	937,500.00
Accounts Payable.....	6,439.50
Profit and Loss Account—Balance from Last Account, \$618,334.22	
Profit for Year 1919.....	\$61,671.73
	\$680,005.95
	\$1,623,945.45
ASSETS.	
Cash in hand & at Bank, \$.....	6,294.91
Amount invested in Mortgages.....	299,000.00
Amount invested in Shares at Cost.....	415,265.53
Property.....	854,749.90
Loans at Call.....	65,000.00
Furniture Account.....	658.33
Accounts Receivable.....	2,946.78
	\$1,623,945.45

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1919.

DEBIT.	
To Charges Account.....	7,537.32
Repairs to Property.....	1,257.60
Crown Rent.....	5,035.95
Government Rate.....	1,793.10
Fire Insurance.....	304.00
Directors' Fees.....	5,000.00
Auditor's Fee.....	100.00
Balance.....	61,671.73
	\$83,329.70
CREDIT.	
By Interest.....	47,410.85
Rents.....	19,350.12
Scrip Fees.....	8.00
Profit on Sale Kowloon Farm Lot II.....	15,560.73
	\$83,329.70

JOHN JOHNSTONE, Directors.

C. P. CHATER, Secretary.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Auditors.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Thirty-First Report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company Limited to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited at 11.30 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 29th Jan., 1920.

The Directors have now to submit a general statement of the affairs of the company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The net profits for the year amount to \$682,295.97 which with the amount brought forward from last year, \$104,505.91 gives an amount available for division of \$786,802.88. From this amount an interim dividend of \$3.50 per share (\$175,000) has already been paid, leaving a balance of \$611,802.88 available for appropriation, which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$4.50 per share.....	\$225,000.00
To pay a Bonus of \$5.00 per share.....	\$50,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Office Staff.....	7,205.00
To write off Furniture account.....	2,005.92
To carry forward to a new Profit and Loss account.....	127,590.96
	\$611,802.88

Directors.—Mr. H. P. White having resigned Mr. G. W. Barton was invited to join the board in his place, and this appointment now requires confirmation.

Mr. G. W. Barton and Sir Robert Ho Tung now retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

JOHN JOHNSTONE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1919.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital.....	\$5,000,000.00
Equalization of Dividend Fund.....	250,000.00
Reserve for Bad or Doubtful Debts.....	9,840.65
Accounts Payable.....	1,864,343.01
Profit and Loss A/c. Balance from Last Account \$104,505.91 and Profit for Year 1919.....	\$682,295.97
Total of \$786,802.88 Less Interim Dividend \$175,000.00 and Balance to be Appropriated.....	611,802.88
	\$7,735,986.54
ASSETS.	
Cash.....	8,623.95
Amount Advanced on Mortgage.....	308,697.00
Amount Invested in Property.....	6,880,876.25
Amount Invested in Shares.....	393,514.45
Market Value at 31.12.19.....	(\$522,845.00)
Furniture A/c.....	4,505.92
Accounts Receivable.....	139,768.97
	\$7,735,986.54

JOHN JOHNSTONE, Directors.

C. P. CHATER, Secretary.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Auditors.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

The following is the sixth report of the board of directors of the Hongkong Central Estate, Limited to be presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 11.30 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 29th Jan., 1920.

The Directors have now to submit a general statement of the affairs of the company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The net profits for the year amount to \$109,232.70 which with the amount brought forward from last year, \$44,907.90 gives an amount available for division of \$154,140.60. From this amount an interim dividend of \$4.00 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$4.00 per share making a total dividend for the year of \$8.00 per share and to carry forward the balance \$74,140.60 to the credit of a new profit and loss account.

Directors.—Mr. David Landable having resigned on leaving the Colony Hon. Mr. John Johnston was invited to join the board in his place, and during the absence of Mr. Johnston, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard filled the vacancy. These appointments now require confirmation.

Hon. Mr. John Johnston now retires by rotation and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

C. P. CHATER, Chairman.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1919.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital.....	\$1,000,000.00
Debentures.....	1,500,000.00
Suspense Account.....	1,550.00
Accounts payable.....	186,191.29
Profit and loss account—Balance from last year.....	\$44,907.90
Profit for year 1919.....	\$109,232.70
Less interim dividend \$40,000.00	
Balance to be appropriated.....	114,140.60
	\$2,801,831.89
ASSETS.	
Cost of property.....	\$2,695,070.62
Amount invested in shares at cost.....	94,747.50
Cash.....	4,510.24
Furniture.....	418.57
Accounts receivable.....	7,084.96
	\$2,801,831.89

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DEC., 1919.

DEBIT.	
To Charges.....	2,554.95
To Legal Expenses.....	439.99
To Repairs to Property.....	9,744.33
To Advertising.....	185.90
To Crown Rent.....	1,533.60
To Government Rates.....	37,673.56
To Fire Insurance.....	4,535.87
To Interest.....	6,642.30
To Commission General Managers.....	6,161.83
To Debenture Interest.....	90,000.00
To Directors' Fees.....	4,000.00
To Auditors' Fees.....	150.00
To Balance.....	109,232.70
	\$272,855.08
CREDIT.	
By Rent Account.....	272,792.08
By Scrip Fees.....	63.00
	\$272,855.08

C. P. CHATER, Directors.

JOHN JOHNSTONE, Secretary.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Auditors.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

TRAINING TIMES.

The "rail-birds" stamped and shivered at the Race Course this morning, especially during the early part of the morning when there was nothing doing. Then the ponies came out in a bunch and they began to get interest. The times taken this morning are given below:—

DERBY GRIFFINS.

King Alfred.....	1.25; 2.08; 2.45
Hongkong Chief.....	1.08; 1.41.3; 5; 2.13.2.5
Cadrow's Tern.....	33.3.5; 1.10.2.5
Allied King.....	1.10.4.5; 1.46.4.5; 2.19.4.5
Wilkin's Micawber.....	34.2.5; 1.09.3.5; 1.44; 2.17.2.5
Algerian Chief.....	1.08.2.5; 1.42.3.5; 2.15
Spolt Child.....	41.2.5; 1.18; 1.52.2.5; 2.23
Cadrow's Glen.....	39; 1.12; 1.43
Plain John.....	37; 1.12.2.5; 1.49; 2.23; 2.55.3.5
Alaska Chief and Kandy Chief.....	35; 1.09; 1.43; 2.16.4.5
Talisman.....	37.2.5; 1.15; 1.49; 2.22
Beggar King.....	37.2.5; 1.14; 1.46
Naghy Child.....	40; 1.17.4.5; 1.52.1.5; 2.25
Cigar Box.....	37; 1.14; 1.45
Aviation.....	38; 1.13.2.5; 1.48.3.5; 2.22.2.5
Islesman.....	40; 1.18.2.5; 1.54.2.5; 2.26
Charles.....	35.3.5; 1.13.2.5; 1.49; 2.21.1.5

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

Tredegar and Trelawny.....	35; 1.08.4.5; 1.44.2.5
Surprise.....	40; 1.19; 1.54.3.5; 2.26
Sims.....	35; 1.13; 1.50; 2.22.2.5
Rysa and Craigmount.....	35; 1.11; 1.44.2.5
Wee Mouse.....	36.2.5; 1.08; 1.41
Louza.....	35; 1.10.1.5; 1.44.4.5; 2.18.1.5
Moonshine.....	39.2.5; 1.16; 1.59; 2.26
Clansman.....	45; 1.23; 1.55
Trumpet.....	36; 1.10; 1.42.3.5
Mammy's Child.....	40; 1.19; 1.55; 2.27.3.5
El Dorado.....	39; 1.14.4.5; 1.54; 2.23.2.5
St. Chad.....	35.3.5; 1.11; 1.46
Brutus.....	36; 1.10; 1.42.2.5
Othello.....	36; 1.10.2.5; 1.43
Consternation.....	44; 1.23.1.5; 2.02.2.5; 2.35
Chimes and Ben.....	38; 1.15; 1.49
Shiny.....	39; 1.15; 1.48.3.5

OLD PONIES.

Gentle Cat.....	39; 1.16; 1.48
Mountain King.....	37; 1.12; 1.47; 2.18.4.5
Salamander.....	36; 1.12; 1.47; 2.19.2.5
Kalamazoo.....	38.3.5; 1.15.2.5; 1.46
Lovejoy.....	40.3.5; 1.15.4.5; 1.49.1.5
Coltson.....	38; 1.14; 1.51; 2.27; 2.59. (Joined by Lancaster for last three quarters.)
Mighty King.....	40.2.5; 1.15; 1.52; 2.28.2.5; 3.00.2.5
Sandy.....	36; 1.13; 1.49; 2.21.2.5
Scotchbox.....	37; 1.14; 1.45
Valley King.....	39; 1.14.1.5; 1.51.1.5; 2.24
Slam.....	37; 1.15; 1.53.3.5; 2.30.3.04
Siamese Cat.....	34; 1.09.1.5; 1.42.2.5; 2.15.3.5
Sumatra Chief.....	34; 1.08; 1.41

LARSSEN GRIFFINS.

Sunspot.....	35; 1.10; 1.43; 2.16
Sandmartin.....	36.2.5; 1.12.2.5; 1.46
Exchange.....	38; 1.13.2.5; 1.48.3.5; 2.22.2.5

The following times were recorded yesterday morning:—

Burning Daylight (Old).....	37; 1.14; 1.50; 2.21.3.5
Lord Lorne (Derby).....	37; 1.11.3.5; 1.48; 2.21.2.5; 2.54.3.5
Paper Money (Derby).....	37; 1.11.2.5; 1.41; 2.24; 2.58
Red Ensign (Derby).....	38; 1.17; 1.55; 2.30
Savemake (Sub.).....	41; 1.20; 1.54.2.5

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1920.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

ON

TUESDAY,

January 27, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Binoculars and Prismatic Glasses, suitable for the Racing Season.

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Two Bellow Valves, Suit Cases, Kit Bags.

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Also

Piano (good tone) One Enamelled Bath.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)

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HUGHES & HUGHES, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 21, 1919.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

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S. S.	Tons	From (about)	Destination
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"SACOTA"	7,000	9th Feb.	MASSILLON & LONDON direct
"DELWALA"	6,400	16th Feb.	MASSILLON & LONDON direct
"KASHMIR"	7,000	23rd Feb.	MASSILLON & LONDON direct

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From (about)	Destination
"MADRAS"	7,000	24th Jan.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	Tons	From (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Calla at Manila, Sunda, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"EASTERN"	4,000	9th Feb.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From (about)	Destination
"MUTTRA"	4,800	2nd Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ITOLA"	4,700	9th Jan.	

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice.
Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Company and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
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FUSUMI MARU Wednesday, 17th Mar., at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said & Marseilles.

INABA MARU Sunday, 25th January, at Noon.
KAMO MARU Friday, 6th February, at Noon.

HAMBURG, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.

TOYAMA MARU Wednesday, 4th February.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.

MELBOURNE & SYDNEY via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

NIKKO MARU Monday, 26th Jan., at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 18th Feb., at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK & HAVANA via Kobe, Yokohama, Muroto, San Francisco, Panama & Colon.

TAJIMA MARU Beginning of March.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

RAKATA MARU End of February.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

NAGANO MARU Monday, 25th January

TEYSHIN MARU End of January.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

CEYLON MARU End of January.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

RANGO MARU Saturday, 21st February, at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

ATSUTA MARU Friday, 23rd January, at 11 a.m.

TAMA MARU (Kobe only) Sunday, 25th January.

SEIMO MARU Saturday, 31st January.

SHIZUOKA MARU Thursday, 8th February, at 11 a.m.

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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Venezuela	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 20th Feb., at Noon.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Colombia	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 28th Jan., at Noon.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Nile	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 2nd March.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	China	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 31st January.
Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria & Vancouver	Iconium	The Admiralty	About 4th Feb.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma	Artica Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 11th February.
Victoria B.C. & Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Katori Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 11th February.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Monteagle	Canadian O.S. Ltd.	On 11th Jan., at 11 a.m.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Esplanade	Esplanade Co., Ltd.	On 13th January.
New York via Japan	Nikko Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd January.
Australian Ports via Japan	Anjo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	End of Jan.
New York via Panama	Butterfield & Swire	The Bank Line Ltd.	End of Jan.
New York via Panama	Montague	The Admiralty	About 20th Feb.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Lower Castle	Dochow & Co., Ltd.	On 21st Feb., at 11 a.m.
Shanghai & Yokohama	Tango Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd Jan.
Shanghai & Tsingtao	Muttra	P. & O. B.L. & A.L.	On 23rd Jan., at Noon.
Shanghai via Swatow & Rangoon	Tea	Butterfield & Swire	End of January.
Calcutta via Swatow & Rangoon	Carlyon Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 28th Jan.
Singapore, Penang & Batavia	Ya Wai	Java-China-Japan Line	On 1st Feb.
Keelung via Swatow & Amoy	Kaijo Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st Feb.
Salween, Bangkok & Singapore	Unnan Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st Feb.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	Haiding	Douglas & Laing & Co.	On 1st Feb.
Bombay & Colombo	St. Francis	The Bank Line Limited	On 1st Feb.
London and Antwerp	Siam Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st Feb.
London via S'pore, Penang & C'bo	Alfred Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st Feb.
Mauritius, Delagoa Bay, Durban	Isaba Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 1st Feb.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Port Said	Uchida Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st Feb.
Tientsin via Swatow and Amoy	Somali	P. & O. B.L. & A.L.	On 2nd Feb.
	Sozha Maru	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 2nd Feb.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

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From MIDDLESBRO' LONDON

& STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby

informed that all Goods are being

landed at their risk into the hazardous

and/or extra hazardous Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf

and Godown Co., Ltd., where and/or

from the wharves delivery may be

obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the

27th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer

must be presented to the Underwriter

on or before the 3rd February or they

will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged

Goods are to be left in the Godowns,

where they will be examined on the

27th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned

by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1920.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship,

"TUTTORI MARU,"

having arrived from the above Ports,

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed

that their Goods are being landed and

placed at their risk in the Hongkong &

Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's

Godowns at Kowloon, where each con-

signment will be sorted out mark by mark

and delivery can be obtained as soon as

the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless

instructions are given to the contrary be-

fore Noon, To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 24th January,

1920, will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the

Godowns for examination by the Con-

signees and the Co.'s representatives

at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and

FRIDAY. All claims must be pre-

sented within ten days of the steamer's

arrival here, after which date they cannot

be recognized. No claims will be admitted

after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 17, 1920.

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THE Homebound Mail Steamer *Dilemma*
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18th February, 1920 taking cargo for the
above ports. Passengers' accommodation in
the connecting vessel, if available,
secured before departure from Hongkong.
Silk and Valuable Cargo for Italy,
France, and London (under arrangement)
will be conveyed in this steamer
proceeding via Bombay and there
transhipping to the connecting steamer
for Marseilles and London for Italy,
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Parcels will be received at this Office
until 12 Noon the day before sailing.
The contents and value of all packages
are required.
For further particulars, sailing dates,
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Hongkong, Jan. 19, 1920.

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S.S. "ECUADOR"	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 24th.

ALSO

The following U.S. Shipping Board vessels

S.S. "WEST CONOB"	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27th.
S.S. "WEST SELENE"	FRIDAY, Feb. 20th.

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BRITISH ISOLATION.
PREMIER'S CHANNEL TUNNEL
CAUTION.

The favourable impression created by the Premier's remarks to the delegates of the Parliamentary Channel Tunnel Committee is hardly borne out by the remarkable statement made by Mr. Lloyd George as disclosed in the official report of his reply.

After admitting to the delegation that the existence of a tunnel during the war would have been of immense advantage to England, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"An essential part of our strength is due to the fact that this country is not as vulnerable as other countries are. An enemy cannot get at it. That is a source of great strength to us, and our neighbours envy our isolation and the protection of the 26 miles of water that separate us from the Continent. We do not want to get it away. We simply propose that the problem shall again be examined very carefully. If the military advice is favourable, the Ministry will certainly be prepared to support the scheme on general grounds."

WORLD NOT PROMISING.

"I am a believer in the League of Nations, but I should like to see it working first before we put our whole trust in it. It is not because I am suspicious of it or distrustful of it. It is not because I do not think that it ought to succeed. It is not because I do not think that it will succeed. But the risk is too great for us to put the whole of the existence of this country to the hazard of what is, after all, a great experiment."

"The world is not promising at the present moment. There are national passions which are still stirring up Europe. All that bids us to be careful, to be cautious. It bids us at any time to remember that we are now an island. I do not want it to cease to be an island, and I want to be quite sure before I commit myself that our action will not deprive this country of its providential advantage in that respect."

"If we are reassured under that head, there is everything to be said for the Channel Tunnel. But I am sure you will not blame us if before we commit ourselves to something which is a great departure we take all precautions to be very careful and to act wisely."

"DISTRESSING DELAY."

Sir A. Fell: "We cannot find any soldiers to come forward and express an opinion against it."

Mr. Lloyd George: "I am not suggesting that the soldiers who are advising us are against it, but I do not know that they have set down to examine it yet."

Sir A. Fell: "I thought that you had had this inquired into already by the military authorities, and that they could have formed an opinion before now. It is very distressing having to be put off again, as we have been on so many occasions."

CROUP.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, January 18th.

A Havas message states:—

Yesterday, at Versailles when M. Leon Bourgeois announced the election of M. Deschanel as President of the Republic, the wholly assembly at once rose and acclaimed the result with cries of "Vive La France," "Vive Deschanel."

M. Deschanel, who was much moved, stood up in his place and returned thanks. Our hopes of 1918, he said, are not yet fully realized. The people of France has overcome all obstacles on condition that it is kept in touch with its affairs.

M. Deschanel left the Congress Hall, he was greeted by loud cheering. He drove back to Paris in a motor-car. He first went to Palais Bourbon, then to the Elysée, and paid a call on M. Poincaré.

The interview between the Presidents lasted forty minutes, which is without precedent. It is believed that, after the usual congratulations, the political situation was discussed.

In view of the present trend of events, it is probable that it will be necessary to adjourn for a few days the second Peace Conference. It is understood, however, that M. Clemenceau will continue to be the French delegate on the Council of the Three, until a new Government is constituted.

M. Millerand will probably be Premier.

M. Clemenceau yesterday handed M. Poincaré the resignation of all the Ministers.

M. Poincaré expressed to him the gratitude of the whole country for the work he had accomplished in the past two years.

M. Clemenceau will now carry out his plan of visiting Egypt, where he will remain two months. On his return, he will be officially received at the Académie Française.

M. Poincaré officially requested M. Millerand to form a new Cabinet. M. Millerand has accepted, and begins political career of him immediately. He himself will take the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

An expert financier selected outside Parliament would be the Minister of Finance.

STATISTICIANS OF THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, January 19th.

The Imperial Statistical Conference, which holds its first sitting at the Board of Trade on January 20th is the outcome of the recommendations in the report of the Royal Commission on Statistics in 1917. The conference of the statisticians of the Empire should be called as soon as practicable after the war, in order to consider the question of improving statistical returns, especially with a view to securing greater comparability and uniformity, and the question of the formation of an Imperial Statistical Office to prepare statistics relating to the whole of the British Empire.

The Imperial War Conference approved these recommendations, and laid down that an inter-imperial Board of Control should supervise the proposed Statistical Office.

The Overseas delegates attending the conference include Mr. G. H. Knibbs (Australia), Mr. M. Fraser (New Zealand), Mr. C. W. Cousins (South Africa), Mr. G. Findlay (Shiraz), Mr. H. H. Bailey, Mr. C. W. Cotton (India), Mr. E. Bowen (East African Colonies), Mr. J. O. Davies (East African Protectorates) and Mr. D. S. Macgregor (West African Colonies).

NO JAPANESE ARMS FOR MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, January 14th.

The Japanese Ambassador has issued a statement that the Japanese Government has not been a party, directly or indirectly, to supplying arms to Mexico, adding that when the Mexican Embassy reached Tokyo he was informed that it would be fruitless to endeavour to procure arms there, as Japan desired to avoid anything which might be regarded as confirming the rumours circulated in the United States by German agents that she entertained ideas of exploitation in Mexico.

CHARGES AGAINST KAISER.

LONDON, January 19th.

The text of the letter, signed by M. Clemenceau and sent to the Dutch Government regarding the ex-Kaiser, is published.

The letter announces that the Allies have decided to put into execution without delay the conditions of Article 227 of the Peace Treaty. Consequently, they address an official demand to the Dutch Government to hand over William Hohenzollern in order that he may be sent for trial.

The letter points out that the ex-Kaiser, if he had remained in Germany, would have been handed over by the German Government in accordance with Article 228, and enumerates the numerous crimes committed by the Germans during the war, adding "For all these acts the responsibility, leastwise the moral responsibility, lies with the supreme power who ordered them or abused them to infringe or allow to infringe the most sacred rules of humanity." The Powers cannot conceive that the Netherlands Government regard with less repugnance than themselves the immense responsibility of the ex-Kaiser. Holland would not fulfil her international duty if she refused to associate with the other nations in publishing the crimes committed.

The letter declares that Article 227 must be carried out without discussion, because it is a question of high international political act rendered necessary by the science of the world. The Powers are convinced that Holland does not wish to cover, by her moral authority, the violation of the essential principles of the solidarity of nations, or to attempt to present a repetition of a similar catastrophe.

The Netherlands people is deeply interested in not giving itself the appearance of protecting the chief author by giving him shelter on its territory and in facilitating the trial demanded by the voice of thousands of victims.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 21st. 12h. 10m.—No returns from Vladivostok, Japan or the Marianas. Pressure has decreased slightly at Shanghai, and increased slightly over Formosa and the Philippines.

The anticyclone remains stationary to the south of the Yangtze Valley. Fresh monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.00 inches. Against an average of 0.68 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 22nd, 1920.

1.—Hongkong to Gey Rock. N. winds, fresh, fine.

2.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 21, 1920.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
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